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BELTON WOMAN INDICTED FOR DEFRAUDING BANK

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Belton, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for defrauding her former employer.

Linda G. Wilkerson, 44, of Belton, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Wilkerson** defrauded Commerce Bank in Harrisonville, Mo., where she worked as a branch manager.

The indictment alleges that between Jan. 2, 2001, and Sept. 23, 2001, **Wilkerson** misapplied funds in an amount of approximately \$66,715, with the intent to defraud the bank.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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